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High Point



Enterprise

Weather
Showers tonight and Thursday,
except fair on the coast tonight;
moderate south winds.

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Member Associated Press.

WITH YPRES AREA MENACED BY THE GERMAN ADVANCE BRITISH LEAVE ADVANCE POSITIONS IN GOOD ORDER

Withdrawal from Forward Position East of Town Carried Out in Perfect Order and Without Interference by the Enemy.

IS INDICATED IN OFFICIAL REPORT

Germans Hammering the British Line North of Baillieu—Attacks Repulsed With Heavy Losses to the Teuton Forces.

With the Ypres salient in southwest Belgium menaced by the continued advance of the Germans on the Lys battlefront immediately to the south the British have begun to withdraw from this advanced line.

Today's official report from Sir Douglas Haig's headquarters announces what is at least a partial withdrawal from the Ypres sector. The British forward positions east of Ypres have been given up and a new line to the west occupied. The withdrawal was carried out in perfect order and without enemy interference.

Apparently the retrograde movement is pivoted on the sector where London reports a successful counter attack carried out on the Germans who yesterday captured the town of Wypschaele, the highest point of the eastern Messines ridge and who, presumably, pushed out somewhat beyond the town. They are unofficially reported, indeed, as having advanced to St. Eloi, a mile and a half north of Wypschaele and two miles west of Hooebeke and about six miles directly south of Ypres.

St. Eloi is on the old battle line as it existed before the British began their offensive last year, taking Messines ridge and later pushing on gradually absorbing all of Passchendaele ridge, the continuation of the spur to the northeast.

This may be an indication that the British retirement is to the line of the 1917 although such a withdrawal would include the abandonment of the entire Passchendaele region as the Messines ridge area from the greater part of which they have been driven in the present battle. It would leave the town of Ypres, however, still in British hands.

There seems no danger at present of a retirement on any such larger scale than this on the northern end of the Franco-Belgian line as a result of the recent German successes. The line as a whole appears to hold as long as the railway communications supporting it are intact. Apparently the security of these communications has been provided for by the massing of large forces in the northwesterly sector of the Lys battle front.

The German objective here, as has been frequently pointed out, is Haverbrouck, the important railway junction about four miles beyond the point of the farthest advance westward near Bieppe wood, six miles southwest of Baillieu. A British counter attack last night indicated the strength of the British in this vital sector. It resulted in driving the Germans from the town of Metterem, a mile and a half west of Baillieu, which they had entered.

The Germans are still hammering the British line north of Baillieu while to the north of Wypschaele-Mount Kemmel towering height which dominates the situation in this sector, the British now seem able to deal with them along the Baillieu-Wypschaele line, however, and the repulse of the repeated attacks with Baillieu sector are reported.

The recent attack in Flanders does not seem to have diverted material British reserves from the Somme battlefield, as the Germans apparently expected, and successful operations are occurring to the southward from Arras revealing the British in strength on this front while the main German effort must inevitably be exerted. The British last night counter attacked opposite Boyelles and drove out parties of Germans which had entered the British trenches

INDIFFERENT AIR VANISHES AS BOLO PASHA FACES FIRING SQUAD

PARIS, APRIL 17.—Standing before a firing squad in the forest of Vincennes early today, Paul Bolo Pasha, condemned traitor, lost entirely his attitude of indifference he had maintained subsequent and during his trials.

When the order to fire was given the rifles spoke and Bolo crumpled up with several bullets in his head.

Escorted by several guards Bolo left the Sante prison 45 minutes before his execution. After leaving the automobile at Vincennes he listened to the exhortations of a prison chaplain. Then his eyes were bandaged and he went without a struggle to his place before the firing squad.

CARTER DALTON IS NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Former Member of General Assembly States That He Will Not Contest for Seat Again.

Carter Dalton, who was a member of the general assembly of North Carolina from Guilford county during the sessions of that body during 1917, will not be a candidate for re-election, he announced this morning. No specific reason for the decision was given by Mr. Dalton, but he made it plain that he was in earnest and that under no condition would he campaign again to represent Guilford county.

"If there ever was a time when the people of Guilford county should select a strong man of well-known and unselfish patriotism, this is that time. I look forward with pleasure to rendering any support in my power to a man of that type when his candidacy is endorsed," Mr. Dalton stated.

"There are a number of reasons why I cannot again be a candidate for the legislature, and at the present I cannot explain my decision. However, I shall be glad to support any man endorsed by the executive committee for the place."

Mr. Dalton served as a member of the legislature in 1917 and was a member of the committee appointed to revise the code of the state. In this important work he has been kept busy for the past several months. He made a good record as a lawmaker and introduced several bills which were passed, one of them changing the charter of the city so that municipal elections were made non-partisan. Mr. Dalton would make no statement concerning any Democratic who make seek the office he held last year when seen this morning.

BARON BURIAN NAMED SUCCESSOR TO CZERNIN

He Preceded Count Czernin in Office and Has Since Been Minister of Finance.

Amsterdam, April 15.—Baron Burian was appointed Austro-Hungarian foreign minister in succession to Count Czernin, according to a Vienna dispatch.

Baron Stephen Burian von Raceg was minister of foreign affairs from September 15, 1915 to December 23, 1916, when he was succeeded by Count Czernin. Baron Burian has been Austro-Hungarian finance minister since Count Czernin has been in the foreign office.

Always Liked America.

Washington, April 17.—Confirmation of the appointment of Baron Burian to the Austro-Hungarian foreign ministry in succession to Count Czernin was received at the state department today from its own agencies in Europe. Baron Burian has been regarded by officials here as more friendly to America in the past than any of the other statesmen of the dual empire. It is realized, however, that his attitude may have undergone a considerable change since the entry of America into the war and particularly in view of the measure of success attending the present great drive of the central powers in central France, which has done much to strengthen the war parties in Germany and Austria to silence the pacifists and moderates.

42 Per Cent of White People in The City are members of Church

One of the first interesting facts revealed by the religious census of the city which was taken last Sunday afternoon is that there is a total white population of 10,592 inside the corporate limits of High Point. Of this number 4,501, or about 42 per cent, are members of churches, while 6,091, or about 58 per cent, have no connection with any church. Statistics concerning the results of the census in the negro sections of the city are not yet available.

Senator Overman is Highly Praised in Letter From President Wilson

(By PARKER E. ANDERSON.)

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson paid Senator Overman a high compliment today when he wrote the North Carolina senator a letter commending him for his fight for the Overman bill which would permit the president to reorganize the departments of the government in order that the war may be more expeditiously handled. The letter follows:

"You are a splendid fighter. I am following your present generous and able course in pushing the bill with appreciation and admiration and wanted to give myself the pleasure of sending you at least this line."

37 Burned To Death When American and British Steamers Collide

An Atlantic Port, April 17.—Thirty-seven lives were lost when the American steamship O. B. Jennings and the British steamer Warknight, both loaded with naphtha and inflammable oil, collided off the British coast March 24.

According to the members of the crew of the Jennings, who arrived here today, all who perished, with one exception, were on the British vessel. They were burned to death by blazing gas and oil.

Wake Forges Ahead of Other Counties in Loan Subscriptions

Raleigh, April 17.—By today's and Tuesday's reports Wake county forges to the front in the Liberty Loan campaign in the state. Up to that time Forsyth county had held the lead, but the total subscriptions reported to Chairman Joseph G. Brown, of the central Liberty Loan committee for North Carolina from Wake county amount to \$583,900 and from Forsyth county, \$569,800. The next nearest competitor for this honor is Mecklenburg with subscriptions amounting to \$306,000. The last named county did not begin the campaign until this week.

Total subscriptions for the entire state up to noon Wednesday amounted to \$4,749,300.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN FIGURES GROW RAPIDLY

Washington, April 17.—Liberty Loan subscriptions as shown in reports to the treasury today now total \$931,156,050, the first day's business from the Minneapolis district, where campaigning began Monday, brought in approximately \$25,000,000.

Cadet Flyer Killed.

Hamilton, Ont., April 17.—Cadet B. Bonyug, of New Jersey, was instantly killed and his pilot seriously hurt in an airplane accident a mile from the Bonaventure aviation camp today.

GERMANS LOSE TERRITORY IN THE FIGHTING

Battle in Flanders is Raging With Incredible Intensity Today, Correspondent Reports.

Germans Have Gained No Ground Since Early Tuesday and Apparently Have Lost.

London, April 17.—The battle in Flanders is raging today with incredible intensity telegraphs the correspondent of Reuter's Ltd. at British headquarters. As far as the latest reports enabled the correspondent to judge the battle is going in favor of the British.

Notwithstanding the desperate attacks of the Germans they have gained no ground since Tuesday morning and apparently have lost some.

During his three years' experience in the war zone, the correspondent writes he has never heard such terrific and unintermittent general fire as has been heard since Tuesday afternoon when he filed his dispatch.

BRITISH ADVANCE TO SOUTH OF YPRES AT DUSK TUESDAY

London, April 17.—The British at dusk Tuesday, says a Reuter's dispatch from British headquarters in France, were advancing in the neighborhood of Wypschaele, south of Ypres, and were reported again to be holding ground which they had lost there.

Among the numerous enemy attacks Tuesday afternoon and evening on the northern front in Flanders, one in great force in the Zillebeke sector was disastrous for the Germans who massed waves were shot down at close range. They apparently were ordered to retire and then the British gunners got on their flank and the slaughter was appalling.

METEREN RECAPTURED BY FIELD MARSHAL HAIG'S MEN

London, April 17.—The British have recaptured Meteren on the northern battle front by a counter attack, it is announced officially.

The British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line.

South of Arras the Germans were driven out of British trenches into which they had forced their way.

Early this morning the German artillery became more active south of the Somme.

The British made successful counter attacks in the neighborhood of Wypschaele. Repeated German attacks north of Baillieu were repulsed.

ARTILLERY FIRE IS HEAVY ON PRINCIPAL SALIENTS

Paris, April 17.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the principal battle front between the Somme and the Oise, the war office reports.

The statement follows: "On the front between the Somme and the Oise there was great activity of artillery on both sides and patrol encounters occurred."

"The French carried out several raids, specially southwest of Butte de Mesnil, in the region of Tabbure and north of Thirey. We took a number of prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse, a German attack east of Samogneux was repulsed. Otherwise the night passed in quiet."

Germans Advance Here.

London, April 17.—According to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris the Germans have advanced from Wypschaele as far as St. Eloi and also have a grip on the southern slopes of Mount Kemmel.

Four-Minute Men to Speak at the Two Theaters of City

Thomas J. God, chairman of the four-minute committee of High Point, today assigned four workers to speak in the local theaters on Friday and Saturday evenings. The remarks of the speakers will be confined to the third issue of Liberty loan bonds. The assignments are:

Friday evening, 8:30—Broadway theater, M. C. Crowson; Ross theater, V. A. J. Idol.

Saturday evening, 8:30—Broadway theater, Judge J. Allen Austin; Ross theater, O. H. Woodruff.

Our Army Fire Fighters



ARMY FIRE FIGHTERS. Members of the National army now in training at Camp Lewis are being drilled under expert supervisors to combat possible flames in the cantonments.

GILBERT W. CLARK AGAIN CHOSEN HEAD OF MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION DURING ANNUAL MEETING OF BODY

Harmonious and Enthusiastic Meeting of Members of Association Held Last Night—Work of Association During Past Year Outlined.

GAS AND ELECTRIC RATES

The annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' association of High Point, held last evening, was a harmonious and enthusiastic affair, by far the best gathering held in the history of the organization, both old and new. Gilbert W. Clark, who acted as president during the past year sought to impress upon the members present the fact that he could not accept again, that he could not afford to give the time during the coming year to the affair of the association that he had been giving during the past 12 months and, too, he was of the opinion that new blood in the presidential chair would help things considerably. Mr. Clark even vacated the chair and told the vice president, E. N. Allen, to fill it while he made an effort to drive his resignation home.

Mr. Clark was unanimously elected as head of the association for another year despite his clamors, the promise of hearty and continued cooperation from every member present being made. Likewise did the members give the president their fervent promise that he would not have to spend so much time in the interest of the association's affairs.

The election of officers and directors usually takes place as the last business of the evening, but the mind of the members was for solving the hard problems while the meeting was young. Accordingly the motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with certain formalities and proceed with the election. Mr. Clark was re-elected president; E. N. Allen, vice president and V. A. Hatcher, treasurer, by a unanimous rising vote. A committee of three was then appointed to select the names of men for the directorate, it being the idea to get merchants on this board from all sections of the city, the number of directors was increased to 10, making the total 12, the officers having a voice in the deliberations and acts of the body. The directors chosen were V. W. Idol, J. R. Welch, T. J. Steed, W. D. Poor, David Harris, W. H. Gurley, A. Robinson, E. C. Dowd and W. A. Ring.

The report of the treasurer showed that the affairs of the association, financially and numerically, were in excellent condition, the best in the history of the association. The report of Mr. Clark was perhaps one of the most interesting phases of the meeting, the president not being a bit bashful in reminding some members of the association that they had failed to forget the selfish idea during the year. Other members, however, were in receipt of the profoundest thanks from the executive for their assistance. Affairs confronting the merchants were discussed in this report, making it rather a "shop talk" for the merchants, a subject in which they were unusually interested.

Mr. Clark urged the merchants to be patriotic, to assist the government in any and all moves that might be calculated to bring about the desired end to the war, the success of the allied arms. Particularly were war savings and thrift stamps and Liberty loan bonds

stressed, the merchants deciding to offer thrift stamps as change in as many transactions as possible in an effort to get more people addicted to the thrift habit on a designated day in the near future. The attempt will not be made, however, until the third Liberty loan campaign has been completed. The merchants went on record as being heartily in favor of doing all in their power to assist the government in disposing of the securities, both bonds and stamps.

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GOLD IS MENTIONED FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Friends of Local Attorney Mention His Name as Candidate to Succeed Mr. Dalton.

Simultaneously with the announcement of Carter Dalton that he was out of politics and would under no condition again contest for the honor of representing Guilford county in the general assembly of North Carolina, the friends of Thomas J. Gold, attorney, have mentioned his name as the man particularly fitted to represent Guilford county during the deliberations of the assembly in 1918. Mr. Gold, as is doubtless well known, formerly represented the county and made a good record during his term.

Mr. Gold has not announced that he is in a receptive mood, neither has he denied it, he sticking close to that line of silence usually extant among candidates, receptive and otherwise. All candidates for state offices must be endorsed by the executive committees of the various counties in the state and then they enter the primary. Naturally the man having the largest vote survives this weeding off process.

The Democratic executive committee of Guilford county is slated to meet during the present week, this being absolutely necessary in order than the men endorsed, if they are to make the race, may post their entrance fee as required by the primary laws of the state. Clem G. Wright, one of the county's representatives of 1917, will again contest for a seat, it is stated in political circles. Just who will represent the eastern end of the county is not known, but High Point is a ways given one representative and so far the name of Mr. Gold is the only one mentioned to succeed Mr. Dalton.

Sutton futures opened firm: May, 28.55; July, 28.58; October, 27.60; December, 27.47; January, 27.12.

LOAN WORKERS LAUNCH DRIVE HERE TONIGHT

Brisk Campaign to Raise City's Allotment is to Be Formally Begun With Meeting at Club.

Campaign Plan to Be Outlined and Other Important Announcements Expected.

Final details preparatory to the waging in High Point of a brisk and effective campaign in behalf of the third Liberty loan will be discussed and considered at a full meeting of Patriots who are to compose the four companies to be held in the Commercial club at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

At this meeting, which will be preceded by the serving of supper by the Liberty Loan ladies of the city, the campaign in High Point will be formally launched, although active work will not be commenced until Thursday morning. Present plans are to have the whirlwind campaign continue until the last of the month, giving the workers ample time not only to raise, but to more than raise this city's quota of \$351,000.

According to Carter Dalton, commander of the Liberty Loan Battalion of High Point, only three speeches have been arranged for this evening. They will be brief and will not exceed ten minutes each. The trio of speakers, including J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the campaign in Guilford county, Patriot Roberson and Patriot T. J. Gold will outline and explain the three different distinct phases of the campaign. Chairman Cox will discuss the facts relative to the third issue, how this loan differs from its predecessors and other interesting bits of information that will be of extreme benefit to the workers in their selling arguments in the day to come. The investment features will be discussed by Colonel Roberson, who will point out the desirability of investments in Liberty bonds especially from a corporate viewpoint. The third and most important phase—that of patriotism—will be treated by Patriot Thomas J. Gold. His talk in the main will be to advance the reasons why citizens should subscribe to bonds for patriotic motives and reasons if for no others.

While these are the only speakers arranged for, Mr. Dalton said Wednesday morning that in all probability several impromptu talks would be heard from leading and representative citizens making an active part in the campaign in High Point.

The four companies who are to canvas High Point for subscriptions will each be seated at a separate table this evening. Thirteen seats at each table have been arranged, one for the captain and each of his 12 men.

At another table will be seated the banking squad, consisting of the cashiers of the High Point banks actively interested in the sale of bonds. At this table will be found V. A. J. Idol, W. C. Idol, M. C. Crowson and H. A. Mills. Another table will provide for the campaign chairman, battalion commander and others.

One of the most important features of the evening will be the outlining of the plan of procedure to be followed during the campaign. It was said that luncheons would be held at intervals all during the progress of the drive, however, it was by no means sure whether these, at which reports would be made from all

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Funeral of Aged Woman Conducted This Afternoon

Mrs. Sarah Jane Patton, aged 62 years died at her home on Summit avenue Monday afternoon. She deceased was a native of Stokes county, being born on March 16, 1856. Surviving are a husband, nine children (three sons and six daughters, all of whom are residents of this city. One son is dead.